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1. SUMMARY. INSTRUCTIONS PROVIDED USDEL ON AGENDA ITEMS  
OF 4TH SESSION OF S&T ADVISERS. PRIORITY ITEM FOR  
DISCUSSION AND FOLLOW UP IS WORK RESULTING FROM JULY 1975  
SEMINAR ON "MANAGEMENT OF TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY WITHIN  
INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION." DISCUSSION OF FUTURE PROGRAM  
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AND PRIORITIES WILL INVOLVE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON POSSIBLE

CSCE FOLLOW-UP. END SUMMARY.

2. FOLLOWING ARE COMMENTS KEYED TO AGENDA ITEMS,  
ECE/SCTECH/7:

4(C). TECHNOLOGY FORECASTING AND ASSESSMENT. US REP SHOULD SUPPORT LIMITED FOCUS OF STUDY AGREED BY SENIOR ENVIRONMENT ADVISERS AND ALSO RECOMMEND THAT ENVIRONMENT ADVISERS HAVE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR OVERSEEING THIS STUDY. S&T ADVISERS SHOULD OFFER TO COLLABORATE IN STUDY AS APPROPRIATE ALONG WITH OTHER SUBSIDIARY BODIES (PARA 9 OF R24). WITH RESPECT TO CONCLUSIONS OF SECOND AD HOC

MEETING OF EXPERTS (PARA 4 OF R24), WE WOULD BE INTERESTED TO LEARN WHAT CRITERIA WERE USED FOR SELECTION OF SUBJECT AREAS FOR TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENTS SINCE SOME APPEAR FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE TO BE OF LOW PRIORITY. FINALLY, WE SUGGEST THAT STUDY ALSO INCLUDE NEW TECHNOLOGY RELATED TO ENERGY CONSERVATION.

4(D). TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY. US REP SHOULD UNDERScore HIGH QUALITY OF SECRETARIAT PREPARATIONS AND MEMBER COUNTRY CONTRIBUTIONS TO MOST SUCCESSFUL SEMINAR PARTICULARLY IN CONTEXT OF PRIMARY FOCUS ON PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE IN TRANSFER OF INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY IN BOTH COMPANY AND COUNTRY PERSPECTIVE. WE FEEL THIS AREA MERITS SERIOUS ATTENTION AS A MAJOR COMPONENT OF LONGER TERM WORK PROGRAM OF S&T SENIOR ADVISERS. THEREFORE, WE RECOMMEND SMALL EXPERT GROUP (OR GROUP OF RAPORTEURS) BE ESTABLISHED TO WORK UP SPECIFIC FOLLOW UP PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE CONCRETE ACTIVITIES BASED ON SEMINAR RECOMMENDATIONS (PARAS 4 AND 7 OF R25). IMPORTANT THIS EXPERT GROUP MEET WELL BEFORE 5TH SESSION OF S&T ADVISERS AND INCLUDE ENTERPRISE REPRESENTATION. ALSO SUGGEST COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE BE INVITED TO COLLABORATE WITH PLANNING/DEVELOPMENT/IMPLEMENTATION THIS WORK (PARAS 5, 6 OF R25). SUPPORT EARLY PUBLICATION OF EDITED VERSION OF SEMINAR PAPERS BY SECRETARIAT.

4(E). STINFO. US REP SHOULD NOTE APPRECIATION FOR  
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SECRETARIAT WORK TO DATE THIS AREA AS OUTLINED IN R26 AND ANNEX. HOWEVER, WE ARE IN AGREEMENT WITH SECRETARIAT PROPOSAL IN DRAFT FUTURE PROGRAM (R34/PAGE 4 FOOTNOTE) TO MAINTAIN "WATCHING BRIEF" FOR TIME BEING AND THAT NO FURTHER WORK BE INITIATED. HOWEVER, SUCH A "WATCHING BRIEF" SHOULD BE QUALIFIED BY CONTINUING ASSESSMENT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF OTHER EFFORTS (UNESCO/UNISIST) TO ENSURE THAT ENLARGED, MORE EFFECTIVE INFO EXCHANGES ARE,

IN FACT, ACHIEVED IN THE SPIRIT OF CSCE.

4(F). S&T STATISTICS ON TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER. THIS IMPORTANT, USEFUL SECRETARIAT NOTE IS RELATED TO FOLLOW UP OF TECH TRANSFER SEMINAR, ITEM 4(D), ABOVE, AND GOES BEYOND INTERESTS OF JANUARY 1976 PRAGUE SEMINAR. INITIAL TASK INVOLVES EXPLICIT CONCEPTUALIZATION OF TYPE OF INFO NEEDED. CONSIDERATION MIGHT BE GIVEN TO PILOT TEST TO CARRY OUT (A) ANALYSIS OF SOME SPECIFIC ISSUES UTILIZING SOME OF STATISTICS TO BE DEVELOPED, AND (B) EVALUATION OF CONTRIBUTION OF DATA BY POTENTIAL USERS FROM MEMBER GOVERNMENTS. SUGGEST FURTHER REFINEMENT THIS AREA BY SAME EXPERT GROUP PROPOSED UNDER AGENDA ITEM 4(D), ABOVE.

5. COOPERATIVE RESEARCH. US REP MAY ENDORSE PROPOSED FRAMEWORK FOR COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS WITH, HOWEVER, WARNING THAT THERE IS DANGER STUDY MIGHT BE TOO ABSTRACT AND CONSEQUENTLY OF LIMITED VALUE TO MEMBER COUNTRIES AND INSTITUTIONS. GOAL SHOULD BE ON PRAGMATIC IDENTIFICATION OF FORMS AND FIELDS OF COOPERATION DRAWING ON EXPERIENCE OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS; OECD COOPERATIVE RESEARCH GROUPS, FOLLOWING UP ON IIASA STUDIES, ADVANCED STUDY INSTITUTES. WORK IN THIS AREA, PARTICULARLY ON SPECIFIC RESEARCH TOPICS, WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOLLOW UP TO CSCE AS SUGGESTED IN FINAL HELSINKI REPORT (SECTION 4 UNDER CHAPTER ON COOPERATION IN FIELD OF ECONOMICS, S&T AND ENVIRONMENT.

6. ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES. SUBSTANTIVE AGENCY OFFICIALS PREOCCUPIED WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL FORA AND PROGRAMS, AND THEREFORE UNABLE TO GIVE E/ECE/883 DETAILED REVIEW. US REP MAY, HOWEVER, WISH TO POINT OUT THAT IN VIEW OF UNCLASSIFIED

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EXISTENCE OF NUMBER OF ON-GOING AND RECENTLY CONCLUDED STUDIES IN THIS AREA, SECRETARIAT SHOULD MAKE EFFORT TO ENSURE THAT CONCLUSIONS IN REPORT IN AGREEMENT WITH RECENTLY DEVELOPED DATA. PREPARATIONS FOR VARNA SEMINAR SEEM ACCEPTABLE; WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER THERE WILL BE ANY US PARTICIPATION. PROPOSED PLAN FOR DEVELOPING ANALYTICAL FRAMEWORK ACCEPTABLE. US PREPARED TO PROVIDE BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON US EXPERIENCE; ERDA REPORT ON NATIONAL PLAN FOR ENERGY R&D AND DEMONSTRATION ALREADY FORWARDED TO SECRETARIAT. IF QUERIED AT MEETING, WE ARE PREPARED TO RECOMMEND US NAME A RAPPORTEUR TO ASSIST IN PREPARATION OF STUDY.

7. INDUSTRIAL MATERIALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES. THIS PRINCIPAL FIELD OF WORK IN CURRENT PROGRAM, PROPOSED BY

USSR, HAS BEEN GIVEN EXTENSIVE EXAMINATION BY SECRETARIAT IN RECYCLING AREA WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO ZINC (R31), AND WIDE RANGING VARIETY OF FUTURE PROGRAM POSSIBILITIES (R32). ALTHOUGH MUCH OF PROPOSED WORK MIGHT BE USEFUL, THERE IS SERIOUS NEED TO FOCUS/RESTRICT EFFORTS TO MANAGEABLE INFO EXCHANGE AND STUDY PROJECTS. AD HOC GROUP OF EXPERTS WOULD BE APPROPRIATE INSTRUMENT TO ACCOMPLISH THIS NEED. HOWEVER, SINCE THIS FIELD IS USSR INITIATIVE, US REP SHOULD LET USSR TAKE LEAD IN PUTTING FORWARD IDEAS ON SPECIFIC LINES OF PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT. WE ARE INTERESTED IN ENCOURAGING FURTHER ECE WORK IN THIS AREA SINCE IT MAY BE VALUABLE SOURCE OF INFO ON DEVELOPMENTS/PLANS IN EASTERN COUNTRIES. THE APPROACH IN R31 IS INADEQUATE, OUT OF DATE. SEE NO REASON TO PURSUE ZINL STUDY AT THIS TIME. THIS WORK NEEDS GUIDANCE OF AD HOC EXPERT GROUP.

8. UN CONFERENCE ON S&T. US REP SHOULD WELCOME PRELIMINARY EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON POSSIBLE ROLE OF ECE IN FURTHERING AIMS OF PROPOSED CONFERENCE, AND NOTE STRONG INTEREST OF US TO CONTRIBUTE TO INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS TO ASSIST DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN BETTER UTILIZING TECHNOLOGY TO SPUR GROWTH IN PRIORITY AREAS OF ENERGY, FOOD, OTHER RESOURCES STRATEGIC TO THEIR ECONOMIES, AND INDUSTRIALIZATION ITSELF AS RESTATED AT SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION OF UNGA. WE SHOULD EMPHASIZE UNCLASSIFIED

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US SUPPORT TO SUCCESS OF UN CONFERENCE BUT AVOID PREMATURE COMMITMENTS ON SPECIFIC PROJECTS PENDING CONSIDERATION OF CONFERENCE PLAN BY CSTD, ECOSOC AND UNGA. ONE GENERAL AREA FOR CONSIDERATION OF S&T ADVISERS AT APPROPRIATE STAGE WOULD BE REVIEW EXERCISE OF NATIONAL POLICIES, PROGRAMS, PLANS OF ECE GOVERNMENTS TO ASSIST DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN S&T AREA. ECE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO MOVE PROMPTLY IN COOPERATING WITH CSTD AND OTHER REGIONAL AND SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AS SOON AS CONFERENCE PLAN IS AGREED.

9. ACTIVITIES OF OTHER ECE BODIES. US REP SHOULD COMPLIMENT SECRETARIAT IN PROVIDING VALUABLE ANALYSIS OF S&T ACTIVITIES OF OTHER ECE BODIES.

10. PROGRAM OF WORK AND PRIORITIES. PROPOSED FRAMEWORK FOR SHORT TERM PROGRAM ACCEPTABLE AND US DEL SHOULD DRAW ON GUIDANCE ABOVE AGENDA ITEMS IN NEGOTIATING PROGRAM TEXT. GENERAL OUTLINE FOR LONG TERM PROGRAM USEFUL FOR ENCOURAGING EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON NEW DIRECTIONS AND PRIORITIES PARTICULARLY WITH REFERENCE TO CSCE FOLLOW UP. US DEL SHOULD DRAW ON SEPARATE MESSAGE FOR GUIDANCE

ON POSSIBLE DISCUSSION BY S&T ADVISERS ON CSCE FOLLOW UP  
BY ECE. IN ANY CASE PROPOSED LONG TERM PROGRAM SHOULD  
BE KEPT IN VERY GENERAL AS WELL AS TENTATIVE TERMS FOR  
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